



Kingdom of Glass



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Chapter 1 by Victor

Nothing is perfect, life has it's ways of showing you what you got and what you can expect, even if you are the daughter of a young blacksmith.

Hensdale - Moon Twelve - 22:00

The night is as dark as ever, houses lit by the light of fire, roads un-traveled, fear stalking the streets, Hensdale, was it always like this?

Hensdale - Moon One - 07:00

Birds sings the beginning of a new day, everyone is working early and you better get to work too.

Eslyn, daughter of Lyn the Blacksmith of Hensdale, works as a maid in the local tavern, where decent folks go to have a beer and talk about the hunt.

Not today, no, that was not what they were talking about, the word on the streets was the war, a war that was ready to begin and a king that was long gone.

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Chapter 2 by Phantom



The Hensdale moons had been relatively primitive. The wealthy citizens as well as the government officials had extreme technology, even space travel. However, the common folk still used animal drawn wagons, and wood burning stoves. The

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disparity between the rich and the poor was astounding, but not unheard of on newly colonized planets.

Lyn and her family had come here to escape the hustle and bustle of life on Terra Prime or Earth. The whole planet was covered in cities and the pollution was terrible. Still, Terra Prime was the wealthiest and oldest world. Lyn had managed to save up money, and even after the high cost of the inter-galactic trip had managed to buy over a thousand acres of land, though she was given the property at a very low price to encourage new settlers to move to the settlement.

When the rumors of war spread to the colony, Lyn wasn't worried. In fact she was relieved. She had escaped Terra Prime just in time. The UEA or United Earth Alliance had always been a tenuous pact, never fully wiping away the old divisions and countries. Now though, the UEA had finally split. Nations against nations. Lyn had been there only a year earlier, her belief that moving was the right choice for her family had been validated. They would be safe here. After all, how could one planet's civil war affect them ten thousand light years away?

Chapter 3 by Phantim



Lyn was just a simple woman though. She couldn't comprehend the ripple effects of war, of military alliances and forced recruiting, about how interconnected the banking system and stock markets were. Lyn thought the distance would keep her safe. Lyn was wrong.

Hensdale - Moon One - 08:30

Lyn goes to the market to purchase new fuel cells for her tractor. Her crops are not going to harvest themselves. When the counter rings up the fuel cell, the price is 23,000 credits, four times the normal price.

"Excuse me, sir. I don't think that is ringing up right," she said to the man at the counter.

"Yeah, you and everyone else. The war is driving up the cost of things like crazy. Especially for us outerworlds," the man said.

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